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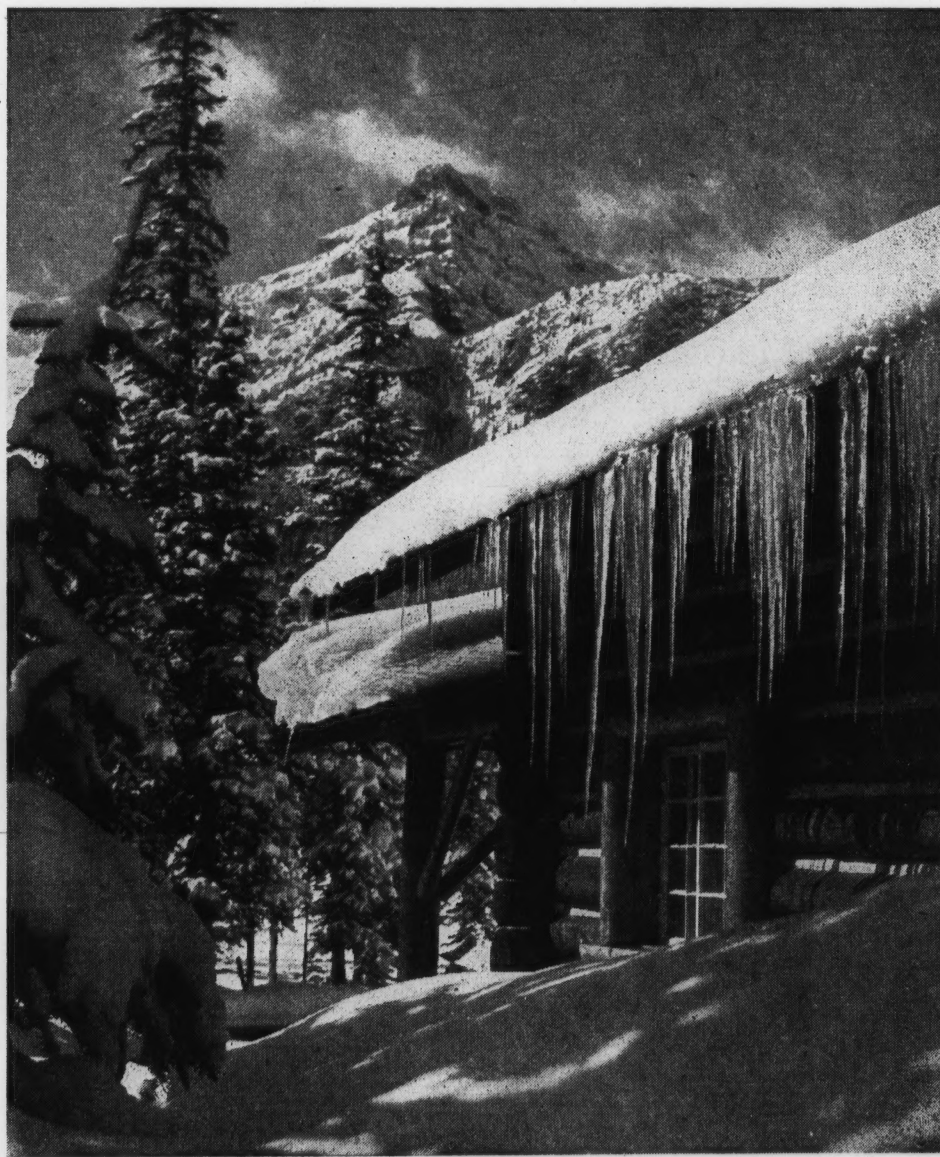


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Sunshine on Snow—near Lake Louise, Alberta.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL'S RECORD OF PROGRESS

The first Alberta Wheat Pool elevators were built in 1925. At the end of the 1945-46 season the Alberta Wheat Pool owned 434 country elevators situated at 417 points in the Province of Alberta and at two points in the Province of British Columbia.

The total capacity of all country grain handling facilities is now 26,846,000 bushels, of which 18,322,000 bushels is permanent capacity. The remainder represents temporary annex space.

The Alberta Wheat Pool also owns modern terminal elevators at Vancouver and Port Arthur. The Vancouver terminal has a capacity of 5,150,000 bushels, and the Port Arthur terminal has a capacity of 2,000,000 bushels.

In the twenty-one years since the Alberta Pool elevators commenced operations its country elevators have handled a total of 689,232,005 bushels of grain.

The Pool organization since its inception in 1923 has handled a combined total of 936,097,459 bushels through pooling and elevator operations. The gross value of all grain handled was \$805,033,123.63.

A total of \$3,873,630.26 has been distributed as Patronage Dividends to member patrons of the Pool country elevators.

Financial Accomplishments Since 1931*

1. Increased working capital from \$2,672,000 to \$5,632,000. This shows an improvement of \$2,960,000.
2. Acquired and paid for additional properties at a cost of \$2,278,000.
3. Increased other assets by \$138,000.
4. Paid off a mortgage of \$1,750,000 on the Vancouver Terminal Elevator.
5. Reduced the debt to the Alberta Provincial Government from \$5,649,000 to \$1,900,000.
6. Purchased at 100 cents on the dollar Commercial and Elevator Reserves [1923-1928] amounting to \$2,517,321.23. This represents approximately 30% of the original deductions.
7. Paid cash Patronage Dividends of \$898,162.12 and credited \$1,199,439.83 in Reserves on a patronage basis. A total of \$2,097,601.95 in Patronage Dividends since 1938.
8. Hold a further sum of \$2,327,770 out of 1943-44, 1944-45 and 1945-46 earnings for future disposition, subject to final determination of Income Tax liability.
9. Increased the Reserve holders' equity from 43% of net Elevator and Commercial Reserve deductions to 96%. This represents an increase of approximately \$4,565,000.
10. Paid \$2,127,571.89 in Municipal, School and Provincial taxes.

* This is the year the 1929 overpayment was taken into the records.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS For Year Ending July 31st, 1946

1. Elevator Operating Results—

Gross operating earnings for season
1945-46.....\$1,375,129.13

Less—

Depreciation on Buildings and Equipment ..\$530,667.36

Interest on debt to Alberta Government.... 77,251.20

607,918.56

Net operating earnings for the year...\$ 767,210.57

Add adjustment received on Alberta Govt. Bonds..... 277,392.28

Surplus for the year.....\$1,044,602.85

2. Reduced principal of debt to Alberta

Government by.....\$1,030,000.00

3. Elevator Operation—

Operated 435 country elevators, Pool-owned Terminal No. 1 at Vancouver and leased Terminal No. 2 at Vancouver. Terminal No. 9 at Port Arthur was operated under agreement with Manitoba Pool Elevators.

4. Grain Handlings—

Handled 33,194,505 bushels of grain received from producers compared with 42,729,358 bushels the previous year. This represented 32.4% of the total grain marketed in the Province of Alberta in 1945-46.

5. Reserve Purchases—

Completed the purchase of an additional 15% of the Elevator and Commercial Reserves involving a cash outlay of approximately \$1,270,000.

6. Refund of Excess Charges—

Established Reserve credits totalling \$942,811.04 as an initial distribution of excess charges for the years 1943-44 and 1944-45.

7. Junior Clubs—

Sponsored 33 Junior Wheat Clubs having a total membership of 558; also 8 Forage Clubs and 28 Girls' Garden Clubs with a total membership of 516.

8. Assets—

The consolidated balance sheet shows Alberta Wheat Pool in this position as at July 31st, 1946:

Owned 434 country elevators, 2 terminals, 313 dwellings, 59 coal and flour sheds, 307 country annexes as well as other fixed assets and equipment.

and a surplus of \$3,732,000 in current assets after deducting all current and deferred liabilities including \$1,900,000 owing to the Province of Alberta as shown on the balance sheet.

The members' equity represented by these assets, is \$6,893,000.00.

In addition, the amount of \$2,327,000 from 1943-44, 1944-45 and 1945-46 earnings has been held in reserve pending disposition.

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL NET EARNINGS ARE \$767,210

Farm Production Program Cause of Sharp Debate

GOOD BUSINESS YEAR RESULT OF POOL OPERATIONS

Annual "Wheat Pool Parliament"
Asks That Wheat Board Be
Perpetuated

DISCUSS MAJOR ISSUES

Annual Meeting Considers Effect
of Income Taxation Imposed
on Co-operatives

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates started in Calgary on November 26th. This is really a "Wheat Pool Parliament". It is featured by the fullest publicity on Wheat Pool affairs, listening to addresses from such men as George Melvor, Chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board; Dr. MacGibbon, member of the Board of Grain Commissioners; A. F. Sproule, Vice-President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; W. J. Parker, President of Manitoba Pool Elevators, and other prominent visitors. Each speech is followed by a question period which permits delegates to obtain required information.

Net Operating Surplus

The Alberta Wheat Pool experienced a good business year, the elevator systems having shown net operating earnings of \$767,210.57, after providing for depreciation of \$530,667.36, as well as interest of \$77,251.20 due to the Provincial Government in connection with the 1929 Pool overpayment. A further sum of \$277,392.28 was realized in the adjustment of arrears of interest on Province of Alberta bonds held by the Pool.

Handlings of grain in the year ending July 31st, 1946, totalled 33,194,502 bushels, as compared with 42,729,353 bushels for the previous crop year. The decline was due to the smaller crop in 1945 as compared with 1944. The surplus, not counting the amount received from the Government, is about \$50,000 less than in the previous year.

No Farm Hold-Up

George Melvor, Chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, gave a comprehensive review of the operations of that organization and answered many questions put by delegates. At the conclusion of the address, a resolution of confidence in the Wheat Board was passed, with a clause asking that the Board be perpetuated indefinitely.

Mr. Melvor paid a tribute to the farmers of Western Canada for the splendid response to the urgent need for full deliveries of wheat. He said during the critical period of European starvation early this year the Board had plenty of problems in getting wheat into export channels, but was never disappointed in farm deliveries. From January to June this year the farmers came through with nearly two million tons of wheat. On August 1st of this year, Canada's wheat bins

Chairman Pool Board



BEN S. PLUMER

were almost as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. Since that date producers have marketed over 210 million bushels of wheat, and at no time this autumn was the Board embarrassed by lack of deliveries by producers.

World Food Problem

Mr. Melvor said that the food problem for the balance of the crop year will be serious, but less severe than in the last crop year. Canada will have between 40 and 50 million bushels of wheat in the East at the close of navigation on the Great Lakes, with which to provide for the requirements of domestic mills and exports from Atlantic ports during the winter months. The Pacific route will be used to capacity, and probably around 70 million bushels of wheat will be handled through Western seaports.

Mr. Melvor was cautious about making any predictions for the future, but pointed out that wheat acreage all over the world was on the increase, which indicated the possibility of substantial surpluses in the years ahead.

Stabilization vs. Speculation

Grain producers of Western Canada are faced with the decision of supporting the Wheat Board or returning to the speculative system of grain marketing. Upon their decision rests the future of the industry. These statements were made by A. F. Sproule of Regina, Vice President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, in addressing the Alberta Wheat Pool Convention on Wednesday afternoon, November 27th.

Mr. Sproule's criticism of the Government wheat policy was that the domestic wheat price is too low. The whole plan, however, provides a stable price of \$1.35 a bushel up until July 31st, 1950, and Mr. Sproule stated that never before in Western Canada has such a price for wheat been available over a five-year period.

To return to speculative marketing, Mr. Sproule said, would undo all the efforts of grain co-operatives over the years, and would eliminate any degree of security.

In the United States, producers

Canadian Woman Is New Wheat "King"

Top wheat honors at Chicago were won by Mrs. Amy Kelsey, Erickson, B.C. Second and twelfth places were taken by Fred Paverley, Wembley, and Victor Watson, Airdrie.

THREE ALBERTA TEAMS PLACED

Three Alberta teams were "placed" in the National Contests of Boys' and Girls' Farm Clubs, at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto. Sten and Enes Berg, Millicent, placed second in the Beef Cattle contest; John H. W. Scheer, Strathmore, and David P. Drummond, Namaka, third in Seed Potatoes; and Della and Betty Campbell, Stettler, second in Clothing.

have a domestic market for four-fifths of their wheat production, and a population of 140 million to bonus high prices, the speaker said. In Canada four-fifths of the wheat produced must be exported, and wheat producers have only 12 million people upon which to rely for a bonussed price. The situations in the two countries, insofar as wheat marketing is concerned, cannot be fairly compared.

Wheat Board in Danger

W. J. Parker of Winnipeg, President of Manitoba Pool Elevators, also gave strong support to the Wheat Board's continuance in his address to the delegates. He said the order-in-council under which the Wheat Board operates expires next spring, and the grain trade is opposed to its continuance.

"The farmers of Western Canada may lose this Wheat Board as they did the 1919 Wheat Board at the end of World War I", the speaker said. Mr. Parker suggested that all farmers who are in favor of the continuance of the Wheat Board should take the trouble of writing to their members of Parliament and expressing their views.

Regarding the price of wheat, Mr. Parker said that what the farmer had to decide was whether he would accept the speculative price with the ups and downs or the security of \$1.35 a bushel for four years. He said the speculative system could not guarantee against a drastic slump in prices, and such an event in the next year or two is quite possible.

Wheat is the main factor in Canada's economy, he said, and if a drastic slump comes with no price protection, the nation is in for a depression. Unemployment is sure to develop with low wheat prices.

Income Taxation and Co-ops.

The Alberta Wheat Pool delegates' Convention spent all of Saturday, November 30th, in considering the effect of the recent Federal Government enactment imposing war income taxation on co-operative organizations. M. M. Porter, K.C., Solicitor for the Alberta Wheat Pool, informed the Convention of the terms of a compromise for arrangements of taxation offered the Alberta Pool by Hon. J. L. Ilsley,

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WHEAT ACREAGE CUT OPPOSED BY SOME FARM BODIES

Western Delegates and Others
Against Wiping Out of
Marketing Controls

FEAR FARM COSTS HOIST

Then Disastrous Farm Prices Collapse—But Argument for Higher
Ceilings Remains Valid

By M. McDougall

(Special to The Western Farm Leader)
OTTAWA, Dec. 3rd.—Lively discussions have developed at the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference being held here, primarily to plan the Canadian Farm Production Program for 1947.

First, considerable opposition is coming forward to the Federal Government's program submitted for next year. The features of these proposals are to cut the 1947 wheat acreage by 10 per cent. boost barley acreage by 19 per cent and increase the oats acreage by 9 per cent.

That wheat growing is much more profitable today than growing barley or oats is the main contention so far of Western producer representatives critical of the Federal program. The program, of course, is subject to revision in the light of the discussions, presently behind closed doors, and the Conference is continuing until the latter part of this week.

Fear Boom Would Bring Collapse

Second, there is strong opposition to a request from Ontario's Agricultural Minister, Thomas Kennedy, for wiping out price and marketing controls on farm products.

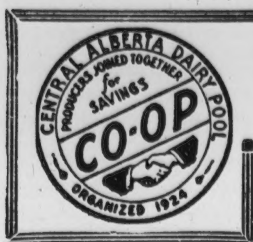
Western Canada delegates and others who have spoken are against the move mainly on the ground it would result in price soaring, thus causing more demands for higher wages and increase farmers' operating costs. Then, when food prices collapsed in an inflated market, the depreciated selling prices would be less than farmers' production costs.

This opposition to eliminating price and marketing controls now does not detract in any way from the argument price ceilings for farm products should be raised. Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Provincial Agricultural Departments, leading Dominion Department of Agriculture officials, and representatives of the chief farm production organizations, are attending the conference.

What Is Recommended

At last year's Conference, the recommendation for wheat was for a 1946 acreage of 23,414,000, but actually 25,900,000 acres were planted. The Federal proposal for 1947 would therefore approximate last year's recommendation. This year, Canadian farmers planted 13,612,000 acres of

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



President's Message Greetings from Branch Managers and Their Staffs

Christmas—1946.

Dear Members:

As we near the end of 1946, it is well to review the happenings of the past year in our own field of farm production.

In Cereal Crops

In cereal crops, the great area of Central Alberta covered by our own organization was favored with a better than average yield. For the first time in the history of agriculture, the producer is guaranteed a stabilized price over a term of years. This is what the organized farmers have been asking for ever since the disastrous years that followed the conclusion of the first great war, when a sudden collapse of prices brought ruin to great numbers of primary producers. Again, in the thirties, we experienced the very grave results of unstabilized prices.

Those of us whose memories of those years remain vivid have welcomed the new policy for which we had asked, and a year or two or three from now, I have no doubt, others whose memories now are short will see the wisdom of what has been done.

Falling Off in Dairy Production

In dairying there has been a marked falling off in production in this Province, due to two causes: first, price in relation to labor involved in production of butterfat, and second, income tax.

This lowered production is bound to be reflected in substantially reduced returns for the balance of our financial year.



PRESIDENT J. A. WOOD

It is fitting that as the Christmas season draws near, we should look beyond our own immediate interests to the broader national and international scene.

Once again, as we approach the Christmas Season, it is our pleasure to present to all members and patrons of our Pool, through *The Western Farm Leader*, greetings from our Branch Managers and their Staffs throughout the Province. These messages have been received from our total of no fewer than fifteen C.A.D.P. plants, established at fourteen Alberta points:

From Alix, No. 1 C.A.D.P. Plant.—It is not without a pang that we bid farewell to the year just passing and welcome hopefully a new year. In all respects 1946 has not been a perfect year, for many, but it was, for one year, a way of living which we all had to go through in the transition from war to a desired secure peace. It is our hope that the coming year will see adjustments and a definite

trend towards security, coupled with co-operation among individuals and nations, towards abundance and well-being available to all. It is with this thought in mind that the management and staff of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, Alix, take this opportunity to wish one and all of our patrons and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—OKE LUNDBERG, Manager, and Staff.

From C.A.D.P. No. 2 Plant, Red Deer Condensery.—To our Condensery Patrons and Milk Shippers: The Management and Staff of the Con-

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Freedoms Still to Be Won

This will be the second Christmas since the cease fire order sounded on the battlefronts, ending a war which involved a greater proportion of the human race than any other in all our history. Yet the future still remains clouded with distrust and uncertainty. The final drafting of the treaties of peace seems likely to be a long and difficult process. It remains to be seen whether the United Nations organization can be made to function successfully. Even though victory has been won on land and sea and in the air, the ideal of a world free from want and fear, for which millions gave their lives, is still far from being realized.

On every continent except America, hunger remains king. On this continent, spared the horrors of invasion and occupation by a ruthless enemy, we are fortunate, yet even here signs multiply that technological efficiency and power to create great wealth by the application of modern science, are not enough to ensure the good life for all.

The "Something More" that Is Needed
Something more is needed. It is becoming increasingly clear that nothing less than a fundamental change in the economic and social relations between men can bring the solution of our problems. The direction that change must take is also clear. The principles on which our own great movement is founded—the principles of co-operation as contrasted with those of uncontrolled competition—these alone can provide the answer. These principles spring from the same source as those which have inspired the best of mankind throughout the ages—principles which are manifest in the eternal spirit of Christmas.

In concluding this brief message, I should like, in behalf of our Board of Directors, once more to extend to all our members and friends and the members of our various staffs, as well as to all other readers of *The Western Farm Leader*, our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours fraternally,

Jas. A. Wood.

PRESIDENT.

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DECEMBER, 1946

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Big Valley	Fred Law	5 and 12	New Norway	Egg Station	2 to 17 incl.
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Endiang	Red & White Store	6 and 13	Bentley	Creamery	2 to 17 incl.
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Staff of UGG Holds Twenty-first Banquet

Marked by fellowship and merry-making, a gala night in Calgary recently commemorated the 21st annual banquet of United Grain Growers Staff Association. Over 250 staff members and friends attended, the Company being represented by Vice-President J. E. Brownlee, K.C., Calgary; John Morrison of Yellowgrass, Sask., Second Vice-President; and S. S. Sears of Nanton, Director. Alvin Grant, President of the Staff Association, presided and extended a welcome to the guests.

Congratulates Staff

Following the dinner, George Edworthy, Manager of the Western Division, spoke briefly on Company matters. In congratulating the Staff Association on its important role in the organization Mr. Edworthy declared: "This is your 21st annual banquet, and, having reached the age of 21, you have attained your majority. The Company this year celebrates its own 40th anniversary—and it is said that life begins at 40. With youth and experience joining



GEORGE EDWORTHY, U.G.G.
Western Manager.

.... "life begins at forty."

hands, I predict a successful future is assured."

At International Conference

Principal speaker of the evening, Vice-President J. E. Brownlee, related some of his experiences while attending the International Farm Conference held in London last summer. Stressing the increasing influence of co-operative societies both in Great Britain and Canada, Mr. Brownlee stated the development of the Western Provinces during the past 40 years had been in considerable measure shaped by the contributions of co-operative organizations. The influence of such organizations he described as being the "Hallmark" of stable building and progress.

Highlight of an excellent entertainment program with Al Bestall as M. C., was the U.G.G. Ladies Glee Club, whose renditions under Miss Millicent Stanford's conducting were received with enthusiasm. Prizes at the dance which followed, included the current favorite of all ladies—the still hard to get NYLONS.

Considered one of the most successful of Staff Association gatherings, the committee in charge of arrangements included: Al Grant, Irene Crabbe, Art White, Jack Gordon, Norma Woolston, Mavis Grant, Dot Chetner and Ellis (Buck) Gray.

Henry E. Spencer of Edgerton was re-elected President of the Alberta School Trustees Association in November, and R. Hennig of Ft. Saskatchewan was elected Vice-President. A. G. Andrews of Edmonton is Secretary-Treasurer.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING



International Anthem

Join hands, ye nations, this is the last call:
join hands, or the Play ends, and the curtains fall.

Gun and bomb and sword have had their day:
now for the living Word and the King's way.

Let Peace be the bridegroom; if he is denied
Death will take his place, and Earth will be the bride.

It is yours to say. This is the last call:
join hands, or the Play ends, and the curtains fall.

Wilson MacDonald.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Only those Western Canadians who have very short memories, or who are very rash indeed, would wish to see all price controls removed at this time, and a period of unbridled inflation inaugurated. Those whose memories have not failed them, and those who think ahead, are united in support of a stabilization program covering the critical years of world readjustment.

That is why, in spite of the effort which has been made in some quarters to paint in dazzlingly bright colors the prospect of a return to "free market" conditions, the wheat growers of the West, for example, give evidence of their liking for the British-Canadian wheat agreement, which gives to them a five-year guarantee such as they have never known before. They are prepared to forego some speculative advantages obtainable at the moment, in favor of longer range certainties.

They do rightly press for the establishment of equity in the domestic price. There are many grounds for the belief that they place a very high value indeed upon the attainment of stability in the export market.

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POOL HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool is still in session as we go to press. Important matters of policy remain to be dealt with, following the very thorough discussion from the floor which always precedes the decisions of what has been aptly described as a "Wheat Pool Parliament".

President Ben Plumer, the directors and management and the delegates and membership have every reason to be gratified with the achievements of the past year, as the financial statement for the period presented to the Convention made clear.

Other statements summarized the record of the Pool since 1931, when the 1929 overpayment was taken into the records. Among other accomplishments is the reduction of the debt to the Alberta Government from \$5,619,000 to \$1,900,000; and the provision, part in cash and part in the creation of reserves, of a total of \$2,097,601, since 1938, for patronage dividends.

* * *

President McIvor of the Canadian Wheat Board paid a well deserved tribute to the farmers of Western Canada when he addressed the Alberta Wheat Pool Convention last week. He disclosed that while the Board had difficulty at times early this year in getting wheat into export channels to meet the critical food situation in Europe, he never had reason to be disappointed with farm deliveries. Almost two million tons of wheat were delivered from January to June, and since August 1st, when bins were almost empty, wheat growers have delivered more than 210 million bushels.

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DAIRY FARMERS SEEK ADJUSTMENTS

As we go to press word has just been received in some detail from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, of the meeting in Ottawa a few days ago between the Dominion Cabinet and a delegation of 30 persons representing the Federation, the Dairy Farmers of Canada, and affiliated organizations.

The delegation brought before the Cabinet (whose members we are gratified to know were present in

Prelude

Again the Christmas spirit is released
To pass its benediction on the year.
We sense the first faint fragrance of the feast,
The promise of festivity and cheer.
The sweet old carols weave their ancient spell,
The holly garlands gleam against the snow,
As symbols of the season join to swell
The surging tide that sweeps towards full flow.

In these, the happy days in which we spend
Our time and substance that on Christmas Day
No friend may lack a greeting from a friend,
A wider need to share let us obey,
That poor and friendless peoples of the earth
May find some passport to a friendly hearth.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

large numbers) the requests of dairy farmers across Canada for adjustments in the prices of dairy products, "to restore the balance between the various branches of the industry following upward adjustments of milk prices."

The brief set forth very clearly that dairy farmers are today "producing milk for butter, cheese and concentrated products below the costs of production," and it was stated that this situation could not be allowed to continue "if production of these urgently needed products were to be maintained." That the prices of these products are "too low on the basis of any comparison that could be made, either with present costs of production," which had steadily risen since the first of the year, "or with the prices of other farm products, or even with the price of milk in the fluid milk trade," was the contention of the Farmers' representatives.

It was further pointed out that "while control of fluid milk prices had been released by the Government to Provincial Boards, the Government still retained control of prices of butter, cheese and concentrated milk products, and the Prices Board had refused thus far to make any adjustments."

We are glad to know that the delegation stressed the feeling of unrest today existing among dairy farmers, and strongly urged the need for early action.

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U.F.A. CO-OPERATIVE EXPANDS

Congratulations to the U.F.A. Central Co-operative and its affiliates on another successful year. Combined business during the twelve months' fiscal period which ended on October 31st was nearly \$3,500,000. This marks substantial expansion (about half a million dollars) over the business of the previous year. The number of retail stores in the system of the U.F.A. Co-operative now totals fifteen, and a very large area is being served efficiently by the organization. The expansion of the central store in Calgary, the floor space of which was approximately doubled by the completion of the new store building, has been outstanding. We expect to deal more fully with the record of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative at a later date. A very complete report upon the operations of the year will as usual be prepared for the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in January.

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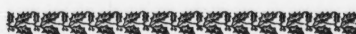
"Nobody was ever sorry to see him."—Bernard Shaw on H. G. Wells.



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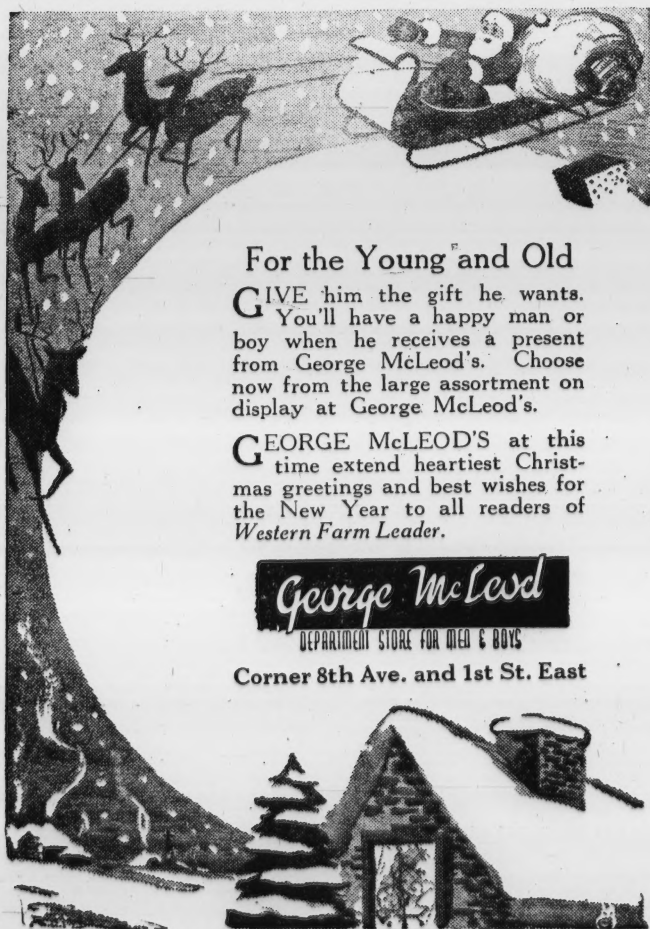


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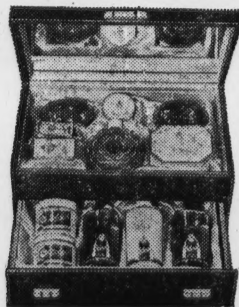
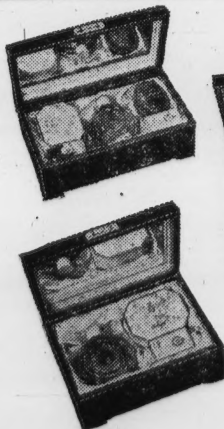
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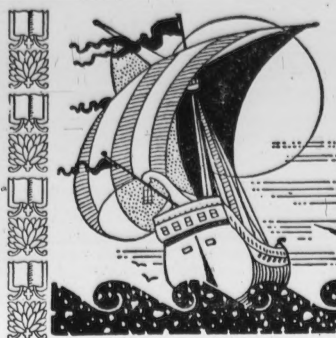
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**An Ex-Librarian's
Random Comments**

By

ALEXANDER CALHOUN, M.A.



FOR a number of years I have contributed to this Christmas number a survey of the more promising seasonal books. Now that a whole year has elapsed since I gave up my work at the Calgary Public Library, I have gone on a one-man strike, and refuse to write about the latest best-seller. I have escaped from its hypnosis, for, of course, book advertising is just like all advertising, an attempt at hypnotizing the public, not so bare-faced an attempt, perhaps, as other advertising, for book publishing was once a very honorable calling, and still clings to some shreds of its ancient virtues.

Escape General Indictment

Now this confession of faith or of past sin does not reflect on what Miss Riley has to say in another column about children's books, which somehow seem to escape from this general indictment.

What I am, in fact, trying to say is that in the past year I have greatly enjoyed my freedom from responsibility for the selection of the best of the multitude of ephemeral books which stream from the presses. Nor do I need to read countless commercialized reviews of these same books. Now I am able to choose freely among the great books of the past and the comparatively small number of current books which are significant to me, and I need be in no hurry about the latter.

**H. G. WELLS—WRITER, THINKER,
SOCIAL PROPHET**

Lately I have been re-reading a number of the books of the late H. G. Wells, who died (perhaps you have already forgotten) last August the 13th. It seemed to me at the time strange that his passing should have attracted so little attention. No doubt the fact that he was in his 80th year when he died accounts in part for this indifference. But throughout my adult life I have been a constant reader of Wells and, with countless others, influenced in my thinking by his provocative and challenging ideas; so I posed this question to myself: What was the impact of Wells on his generation?

For nearly fifty years Wells has shouted his warnings to the world. In *Tono-Bungay*, which I am reading at the moment, he warned us about

the perils of atomic energy and atomic bombs. This book, by many considered his finest novel, was published in 1909. I suppose it has always been true that prophets are without honor in their own day. But this does not quite dispose of Wells. He was a gifted and versatile writer, and undoubtedly influenced the thinking of a vast number of readers in all parts of the world. His *Outline of History* published in 1919, has been more widely read than any other book of history ever written. Over 2,000,000 copies of English editions alone had been sold by 1934. It made publishing history, and, incidentally, made Wells a wealthy man. It was translated into the chief languages of the world. No, I do not think we can measure the influence of any great writer. And Wells was a great writer.

Crusader For Causes

The interesting thing about Wells is that when he had won a distinct place in the English speaking world,

as a front rank novelist, by writing such novels as *Kipps* (1905), *Tono-Bungay* (1909) and *The History of Mr. Polly* (1910), as well as those exciting and brilliant scientific romances, such as *Time Machine* (1894), *War of the Worlds* (1895) and *Food of the Gods* (1904), he deliberately turned aside from imaginative writing to become a crusader for causes, first as a pamphleteering novelist, as in *Ann Veronica* (1909), *The New Machiavelli* (1911), and *Marriage* (1912), in which he fought for greater freedom for women. Then for the rest of his life he became a passionate advocate of world socialism and a World State, which would abolish war. Here he anticipated the One World ideas of Wendell Willkie and a host of present-day thinkers. These ideas he set forth in his *Modern Utopia* (1905), *Open Conspiracy* (1929), and *The Shape of Things to Come* (1933), and in a long series of propagandist novels.



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One of Great Biographies

I can heartily recommend all the books I have mentioned as worthy of re-reading by old admirers as well as by the newer generation. But one can best follow the whole story of Wells' evolution as a writer and thinker in his *Experiment in Autobiography* (1934) which is, to me, one of the great autobiographies of our time.

Wells fully realized that a good and ordered world society could only be achieved if a sufficient number of people could be educated as good

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Children and their Christmas Books

By LOUISE RILEY,
Children's Librarian,
Calgary Public Library

on the family bookshelf, books that will add to life's pleasures by the imagination, adventure and fun which is in them.

Most Distinguished Picture Book

The Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished picture book of 1945, went to Maude and Misha Petersham for *The Rooster Crows* (Macmillan \$2.00), a book of American rhymes and jingles. It is good to find the rhymes on which we have been brought up, gathered together for the first time, in such a beautiful book. Here is:

Engine engine number Nine
Running on Chicago line.

and:

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear,
Fuzzy Wuzzy lost his hair.
Then Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy,
Was he?

Boys and girls of picture book age, will have no trouble in believing that "One day as we were quietly sitting, we heard a noise, and with a swoosh came Michael, riding a big steam engine". Of course Michael was the Engineer, Conductor, Newsagent and Brakeman. These wonders are a found in *Clear the Track* by Louis Slobodkin (Macmillan \$1.75). Mr. Slobodkin's pictures are part of the story.

When the worst blizzard since '88, hit the North Pole, it was too much for Santa's reindeer. Blitzen felt a chill run down his back. Vixen and Comet began to sneeze. Soon, every one of Santa's reindeer was in bed with flu. The doctor said they must stay there for ten days, but Christmas was coming before the ten days would be up. Santa was distracted. He tried to think of some other animals who might help him to deliver his toys. But the huskies and the bears didn't know how to fly. Finally, the wise cod suggested the whale. The big whale agreed and Santa's toys were loaded on him. Christmas was saved. You may have guessed that this picture book is called *The Christmas Whale* (Knopf, \$1.25). It is written and illustrated by Roger Duvoisin.

"His Father Is a Carpenter"

Once There Was a Little Boy, by Dorothy Kunhardt (Viking \$2.50) with beautiful illustrations by Helen Sewell, is an unusual book. A little boy sits on a roof-top with his mother, watching the stars. His mother puts her arm around him, and begins: "I'll tell you a story about a boy. He lives in a village called Nazareth, and his Father is a carpenter". It was dark, but the mother could see her little boy smile. "That's me", he said softly. "Go on Mother, what does he do?"

So she tells how the boy helps his Father in the carpenter shop, plays with his brothers and sister, visits the shepherd, and goes with his Father to the market place, and with his Mother to the well.

When she has finished, he begs for one more story, his favorite, "The one about the night when I was born." So she tells him the story of the first Christmas. When she finishes, he murmurs sleepily, "That's funny, everybody thinking I was a king." His Mother looks straight up at the star, and she looks glad. "A king can mean someone who is good at helping other people," she says softly. "If he has enough love in his heart, then inside his heart can be the Kingdom of Heaven. You'll understand about that later, Jesus dear."

Christine Weston will be remembered for her novel, *Indigo*. Now she has written a book about India, for boys and girls. It is called *Bhisma the Dancing Bear* (Seribner \$2.50). A small boy, David, sat in a garden

THE shelves of bookstores are full of books for children. Many of these bristle with information, and more-or-less useful facts. They are there because publishers and booksellers realize that children's books are bought by adults who probably feel conscious of their responsibility to supply information to the young. But this is Christmas. Let us put



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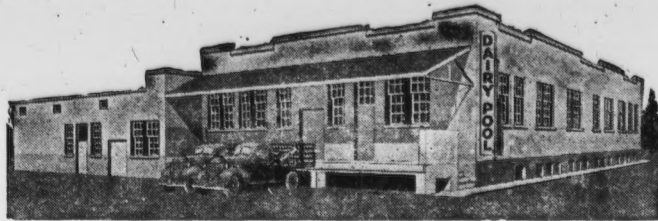
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President's Christmas Greeting

To All Our Members and Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management, and staff of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool it is a pleasure to wish the Members, one and all, the Season's Greeting. At no other time of the year does the promise of Peace and Goodwill seem to be so near realization, yet as the New Year grows old the spirit of Brotherhood and Goodwill seems to die, and in their place we see Ill-will and Greed run rampant. Our co-operative is a step in the right direction, and if its principles are loyally supported by the members, co-operation will help to bring the day when Peace and Goodwill shall reign supreme.

*May the Season that we're meeting
Prove the brighter for this greeting;
For 'tis sent with kind intent,
To wish you joy and sweet content.*

Yours fraternally,

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT

"Your Duty To Help Yourself"

Mr. Joe Kapler, our Branch Manager at Hanna, has been good enough to write a letter to the patrons shipping their cream to him at Hanna. Mr. Kapler submitted his letter to the Board of Directors and asked permission to print it. The Board very readily granted his request and went further, because the points stressed by Mr. Kapler are so applicable to the members everywhere, that the Board decided they would also publish his letter in The Western Farm Leader. I trust Mr. Kapler's effort will have the desired effect of increasing the volume at Hanna and also at all our other shipping points. Thanking Mr. Kapler for his literary effort; hoping it will not be the last.

—Wm. Burns, President.

Mr. Kapler's Letter

November 22nd, 1946.

Dear Member:

As Manager of your local Creamery, I have derived a great deal of pleasure and encouragement from the very evident increase of support and interest given this Dairy Pool Plant by producers of districts we are serving. It is felt that a message from time to time, dealing with current developments, will further strengthen our relationship. We will, therefore, endeavor to keep you posted in this manner.

While we fully realize the many difficulties facing farmers to-day, and which may tend to reduce their output, we nevertheless are convinced that Dairying will continue to be the mainstay of agriculture in this area. For many years you have contributed to the building up of a business belonging to someone else, and while you may have paid for the Hanna Creamery several times, you never became owner of that plant. Now is your opportunity to become owners in proportion to the support you give its activities. Any surplus earnings belong to nobody else but its patrons.

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By BARBARA VILLY CORMACK

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This was her home now—all this glassy waste
Her home this Christmas Eve. A strangled sob
Escaped, unbidden, from a deep down hurt.
Frightened she ran indoors. The shack was warm,
And flooded with sweet waves of melody—
The wireless in the corner sending out All the old favorites of the Yuletide world,
Peace and Goodwill, and Tidings of Great Joy.
The sobs came faster now. John wasn't home.
She could give way unseen . . . Dear Lord, not that—
Not that sweet dearness of another day . . .
The carols and the chimes held too much pain.
Christmas had no place here, on foreign soil.
Christmas was home—the kids, and Mum and Dad.
Christmas was England—London—mist and fog—

The black-out even, and the queues for food,
The bad beside the good as they had been
Those last few years . . . Christmas was childhood too,
The cold grey mornings when one woke at four,
And children singing carols at the door.
The sobs had stopped. Her chin was up again.
No conduct, this, for one who'd stood the blitz,
And married John . . . All had been good thus far—
Even the trip with all the other brides.
Some of those grumbled; she had thought it fun.
The farm was hard, but she had found it good.
John was a dear, and people had been kind—
Although they weren't her own . . . Of course there'd been
One or two moments that were hard to take
When folks belittled England, or when good farm food
Choked her a bit, thinking of Mum and Dad,
And all they'd not . . . But these were passing pricks.
John was a dear, and people had been kind.
If only Christmas . . . Check. She bit her lip,
Lighted the lamp, and made the fire up bright.
She'd start the chores. John would be late tonight.

She stood outside the barn—the cows all milked,
Her heart the lighter for a job well done,
And, in a flash, a picture greeted her—
Her own small house—the brilliant square of light,
Picked out with gingham curtains—
curling smoke,
Telling of warmth—while all around, the snow
Sparkled and gleamed—a perfect Christmas card . . .
Canadian Christmas, bright and new, yet old . . .
However changed, Christmas was still the same.
This was her country now. Like Ruth of old
His people and his Christmases were hers.
She bowed her head—his country was her own,
"God bless us" as wee Tim said—"Every one".

—Alix, Alberta.



Buy Christmas Seals—Fight T.B.

J. M. Wheatley of Chancellor was re-elected President of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts last month; Vice-President being Chas. P. Hayes, of Strome. Dave Roberts of Edmonton is Secretary-Treasurer.

It has been necessary, in order to find space for Christmas features, to hold over answers to Legal and Veterinary queries; and also local U.F.W.A. and Junior U.F.A. news items, as well as some other features.

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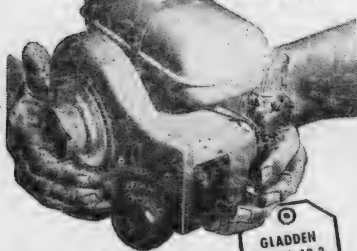
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A Christmas Letter

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Dear Farm Women:

My good wishes for the Season to you each and all in this our Christmas number. There are some I am sure who will exclaim that it seems impossible that a year has passed since the last one; that three hundred and sixty-five busy, happy days have been marked off the calendar since that time. Probably there are some, whose days have been very full of sorrow and trouble of some kind, who have felt the days prolong themselves and that it is indeed a year.

Fortunately I think the former is much the more general thought on looking back in terms of Christmas, because our minds go back to many other Christmases and there is in addition a pleasurable anticipation in looking forward. Christmas today may not be quite what it was to some of us. In fact, to some there may be the sorrowful reminder that never again can they be what they once were. To others, the difference may not be quite so marked, but they do not seem quite to measure up to what they meant.

When We Tinged With Anticipation

Perhaps, when we say that, we go back in memory to the time when surely "days to Christmas" must have been of infinitely greater length than they are today. Because there was a time when it seemed as though the day would never come and we were a-tingle with anticipation as we marked off the slowly diminishing number of preceding ones. Perhaps, too, we rather smile now at what served to satisfy that anticipation. We can scarcely believe that we could get such a thrill out of what now seems a trifle.

But, fortunately, we are so made that very often, both in childhood and in later years, we are so made that trifles loom up and assume larger proportions. In childhood it might have been only a trifling toy, only the sight of the Christmas tree that set us a-thrill. Probably there are some of the older ones who have never quite got over the association of oranges with Christmas. They were not the matter of course thing they are today in many country children's lives. Instead, their golden fruit is associated with the gaily trimmed Christmas tree.

And happily, as we grow older, the little things there too may make Christmas the day of another set of happy memories to be stored away. The trifling gift which shows the giver has expended thought on the needs or the whims of the recipient often means much more than the gift which called for the expenditure of much money—a thing some of us may lack. And how heart-warming it is to be remembered by good wishes, and better still, I think, by letters from the friends of other days. So, while Christmas may not mean as much to some because they will receive less, there are few who are not in the position to add to the Christmas cheer of others.

And above all, these thoughts of personal gifts we have received and

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Wheat Pool Ladies Hold Annual Dinner

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

"The Story of Your Life" was demanded as a reply to roll-call at the annual dinner of the "Wheat Pool Ladies" held in the Empress Grill during the Pool annual meeting.

About forty wives of delegates and guests responded, and the brief biographies were most interesting; the bare facts of birth-places, alone, showed graphically what a melting-pot our Province is. One woman present was born in Belgium, one in Paris, one in London, several in other parts of the British Isles; there were some from nearly every Province, including a few native daughters of Alberta, and the Middle-west and Western States were well represented.

A short but delightful musical program, arranged by Mrs. R. O. German, included two original piano compositions by Miss Jean Ackland, and solos by Mrs. Anne Smith.

Mrs. Ben Plumer presided charmingly. In accordance with the decision to elect new officers yearly, Mrs. T. H. Howes, Millet, was chosen President, and Mrs. Homer Montgomery, Nanton, Vice-President; Mrs. Spence Morrison, High River, Secretary, and Mrs. Elmer Clay, Paradise Valley, Assistant.

about three hours. (This recipe makes 12 lbs. of fruit cake.)

Honey Pulled Taffy: Boil 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup honey, 1/3 cup water, to 288 degrees F.; add 2 tbs. butter, a few grains salt, 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Pour on buttered platter, cool; then pull until light in color and cut in pieces.

Apple Dressing: For roast meat and poultry. 3 cups bread crumbs, 1 tbs. grated onion, 1-1/2 cups tart apples, chopped, 1/4 cup pork fat, 2 tsp. poultry dressing, salt and pepper.

Jellied Pork and Veal: To 2 pork hocks and 1 veal shank add 3 to 4 pints boiling water; add a few celery leaves, 1 medium onion, sliced, and 1 bay leaf. Simmer until meat is tender, adding salt and pepper when about half done. Cut meat from bones into small cubes, place in moistened mould, cover with strained liquid, and let set.

The Browns' Christmas Concert

"The Brown family is going on the air," announced Uncle Joe, setting a "pretend" microphone on the little table. "We're going to have a concert; and first, Eve and Elsie and Mona will sing a Christmas Carol."



So the little girls sang; and Bobby gave his school recitation, and Grandpa, who read aloud so well, read the lovely old Christmas story from the Bible. Everyone liked this so much that he searched out a book of poetry and read one of his favorites, "The Vision of Sir Launfal".

Then Alec, the hired man, played Scotch airs on his accordeon, and Bobby and Ted did a make-believe horse-race, on the twins' out-grown kiddie-cars, Uncle Joe playing the part of the man who described it, with so much excitement, over the air.

Grown-up brother Dick, and Miss May, and Aunt Katie and Ted and Bobby did what they called a "burlesque" of some bits of grand opera, after dressing up, with Mother's help; at first they laughed at themselves and at each other so much that they couldn't sing, but when they started to sing, the others laughed, which was what the performers wanted.

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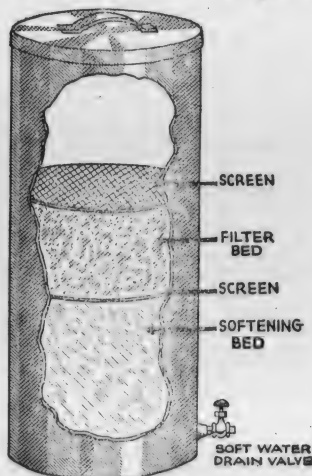
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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
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A despatch from Ottawa states that wheat shipments from Canada to the United Kingdom have fallen far below expectations because of a transportation bottleneck. Up to November 15th little more than 30 million bushels had been exported. Shortage of boxcars and tie-ups in lake shipping are blamed, and the shipping problem this fall from lakehead to seaboard is said to be worse than it was at any time during the war.

Farmer deliveries have been more than satisfactory, totalling 209 million bushels up to November 22nd. Effective November 20th all delivery quotas on the amount of wheat which prairie farmers may deliver to their country elevators were removed. It is believed that approximately 220 million bushels will have been delivered from Western Canadian farms by the end of 1946, leaving 70 to 75 million bushels to be moved from farms in the last seven months of the current crop year (January to July inclusive, 1947).

Banner Year for U.S.

Recent reports from the United States confirm 1946 as a banner year for crop production, showing wheat and corn production at an all-time high, and near-record yields of oats and soybeans. Wheat production there is estimated at 1,169 million bushels, corn at 3,381 millions, oats at 1,527 millions and soybeans at 192 million bushels.

From all sections of the United States reports are extremely optimistic in regard to the outlook for the 1947 crop of winter wheat. Moisture reserves are generally excellent and acreage is expected to show an increase over last year.

Reports from Argentina state moisture conditions are favorable, and prospects point to a considerable increase in grain crops over last year.

OTTAWA LETTER—(from page 3) oats and 6,629,000 acres of barley; and the proposed Federal increases for next year would be on these amounts.

Some representatives of farm organizations are reported to be entirely against reducing wheat acreage, due to world shortages of wheat, the inability of Canada to supply her wheat customers this year with all their demands; and contend that if wheat acreage is reduced, Canada next year might lose these wheat customers. Another suggestion made is that the Federal Government should pay a premium for malting barley, if farmers are to turn more acreage to oats and barley and sow less wheat, which is more profitable.

West Opposes Free Freight Policy

The question if the Dominion Government's free freight policy is to be continued is another subject slated for discussion. The intimation is that Western grain growers would like this policy, under which the Federal Government pays the freight charges on feed grains, millfeeds and screenings shipped from Western Canada eastward and to British Columbia for feeding purposes, dropped. If Eastern and British Columbia farmers grow more grains for feeding their livestock, Western farmers would have a wider market for malting barley in the United States.

A delegation from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Dairy Farmers of Canada has presented a brief to a Federal Cabinet Sub-Committee for higher prices for dairy farmers. This is now under Cabinet consideration.

Conrich U.F.W.A. have recently sponsored two very successful miscellaneous showers for British war brides, writes Mrs. Clara F. Giles, and among their current activities is a clothing drive, for either local or European needy people.

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Dec. 3rd.—Under fairly heavy receipts, trading was active throughout past week, with prices fully steady, slightly higher in spots. Bulk of offerings were of plain variety. A few choice steers realized \$12.50, bulk of good to choice steers trading from \$11.75 to \$12.25. Good stockers and feeders \$10 to \$10.50 down to \$8 for common steers, \$7.50 for heifers. Hogs steady, Grade A for shipment \$19, \$18.25 at plants. Sows liveweight \$13.25.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 3rd.—Hogs sold today \$18.60, Grade A, yards and plants; sows \$13.60 to \$13.75. Good lambs \$12 to \$12.75, good ewes \$6 to \$6.50. Good butcher steers \$11.75 to \$12.25, down to \$10 for common; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.75 to \$11.50, down to \$9 for common; good cows \$8.75 to \$9.25, down to \$7 for common, canners and cutters \$4.50 to \$6.50. Good bulls \$8.75 to \$9.25, down to \$7.50 for common. Good to choice vealers, \$10.75 to \$11.25, down to \$8.50 for common.

The Dairy Market

A drop of about 11 per cent in butter production in Alberta was shown in the first nine months of 1946, as compared with the same period of 1945, and production continues at a lower level. Butter prices continue at the ceiling; Vancouver quotes 39-1/4, Toronto 40, Montreal 40. Locally, butterfat remains at 38 cents, plus 10 cents subsidy, and prints at 40 cents.

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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Nov. 14th.—Minority Labor Members to press amendment criticising Bevin foreign policy.

Nov. 15th.—Lewis rejects White House appeal for 60-day truce; strike to begin Nov. 18th.

Nov. 16th.—Lethbridge prisoner-of-war camp (largest in Canada), which held up to 15,500 Germans, to be closed shortly.

Nov. 17th.—U.S. Government notifies rank and file miners they must remain at work, under their contract.

Nov. 18th.—Britain is not working with U.S. against Russia, declares Attlee; rebel amendment defeated 353 to none; over 100 Labor Members abstain. Court order restrains Lewis from encouraging strike until Nov. 27th.

Nov. 19th.—Wheat delivery quotas in Western Canada removed.

Nov. 20th.—Russia agrees to U.S. proposal for submission information on all troop numbers, by members of U.N.

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Nov. 21st.—Lewis held in contempt of court; U.S. troops ready to move into coal basins.

Nov. 22nd.—Announced that Government bloc, including Communists and Socialists, won two-thirds of votes in Romanian election, held Nov. 17th.

Nov. 23rd.—Only possible defence against either atomic or biological warfare is to stop war, declares Dr. O. M. Solandt, director of defence research in Canada.

Nov. 24th.—Mouvement Republicain Populaire secure largest single group in French Senate, in Sunday's voting, is report.

Nov. 26th.—Egyptian government discusses British treaty in secret session.

Nov. 27th.—International Trade Conference in London (Russia not represented) agrees on proposals for freer world trade.

Nov. 28th.—Molotov calls on U.N. members to end arms race. Foreign Ministers reach agreement on Trieste problems affecting Italy, is New York report; governor to be appointed, elections held. Battle said raging in northern Greece between regulars and rebels. Russians said removing large numbers troops from Germany. New Zealand labor government re-elected.

Nov. 29th.—A. V. Alexander heads new British Defence Ministry. Russians urge scrapping of Atom bombs. Last of British troops leave Indonesia. Lewis pleads "Not Guilty" in contempt trial.

Nov. 30th.—Wage controls in Canada lifted. Russia agrees, at foreign Ministers' meeting, to 50-50 division war reparations between Yugoslavia and Greece.

Dec. 1st.—Rioting in Shanghai said serious; martial law proclaimed; mayor says Communists responsible.

Dec. 2nd.—Privy Council declares Jap deportation order of Canadian Government is valid.

Dec. 3rd.—British, U.S. zones in Germany to be united economically, Bevin announces; says union born "of sheer economic necessity". Lewis, Union, found guilty of contempt of court.

Dec. 4th.—French Socialists vote to support Communist leader Thorez for premier. Lewis to be sentenced today; agreement with mine owners reported near.

WHEAT POOL (Cont. from page 3) Minister of Finance. Subsequently Mr. Porter informed the press that these terms would not be made public here, and that the proper person to divulge them was the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Porter told the delegates that the application of the new act would undoubtedly have serious effects on the whole co-operative movement and that many smaller co-operatives do not realize the peril they are in. He said the lack of a single front among Canadian co-operative leaders and a certain lethargy among farm leaders when the McDougall Commission sessions were being held and up until the time the act was adopted, had the effect of handicapping the efforts of those opposed to such taxation. A co-operative is only a tool people use to serve themselves, Mr. Porter said, but the many and varied forms of co-operatives confused the McDougall Commission. He contended that there should be a law defining co-operatives and suggested that such a law should be Provincial rather than Federal.

Mr. Porter was particularly critical of the clause in the present act which compels co-operatives to pay three per cent interest on all capital employed, before patronage dividends can be paid. This clause, he maintained, destroys the very purpose for which true co-operatives are created, namely to do business at cost.

(This report of the Annual Meeting, still in session and of the annual banquet will be concluded in next issue.)

RANDOM COMMENT—(from p. 8) citizens of the World State. Surely this is the supreme task of our day. It was for this purpose that he wrote his great trilogy, *The Outline of History* (1919), *Science of Life* (1930) and *The Work, Wealth and Happiness*

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essential instrument of any program for the making of good citizens. The Board is now preparing plans for the establishment of Regional Libraries in Alberta, and is hopeful that a beginning will be made in 1947. It is a project which will require several years to bring to completion.

Assist Small Existing Libraries In the meantime, the Board has plans to assist small existing libraries. Communities which are planning the establishment of Public Libraries or existing libraries which need expert advice and assistance should write Mr. Kenneth Hutchinson, Secretary of the Alberta Library Board, Parliament Building, Edmonton. Requests will be promptly met.

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We know a farmer up Red Deer way who is such a stickler for the niceties of the season that he actually went out into the barn and wished his turkeys a Merry Christmas before shipping them to the Central Dairy Pool.

What with the high price of the adulterated water they sell at the government liquor stores, there's no need to tell you to keep sober, is there?

In spite of anything Mister Gordon may say to the contrary, says Mary of Carbon, the proper rationing of lard and all other shortening is long overdue. It's

more than time that rural housewives got a look in.

Yep, Mary, and although canned milk is rationed for the benefit of town babies, insofar as those folks who live where fresh milk is unavailable, even the cans have evaporated.

To put it plainly, rationing in Canada, as carried out by the bureaucrats in Ottawa, is irrational. If there really are shortages, then it's the job of the War Time Prices Board to see that everybody gets a fair share. That's their job, but people who live in the country are wondering when they are going to do it.

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And whisper, "Nevermore."
Oh, I can hear the planes of death,
Still hear the cannon rave,
Though war has ceased to take its toll
(Of our Canadian brave;
But some will never come again
Who were our joy and pride—
We weep and yet somehow are glad
They went—they fought—they died.
Where are they now those lovely lads
Who formed a noble band,
Who marched away for honor's sake
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Some lie in graves unmarked, alas,
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And Sleep the everlasting Sleep,
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Dark night her purple curtain draws,
The joyful breezes moan:
Into the shadows dark I stare . . .
I hear a night-bird lone.
The rambling river rolls away,
But darker than before,
And still the waters seem to sob,
And murmur, "Nevermore."

—M. A. Paterson.

According to Carey Williams an old-timer is one who can recall when a bureau was a piece of furniture.

A pink elephant, a green rat and a yellow snake walked into one of Toronto's new cocktail bars one afternoon. The bar tender looked up, glanced at his watch, and said: "You're a little too early fellows. he hasn't come in yet."

Thenx to Jerry L., Red Deer.

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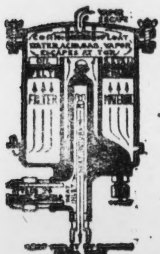
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4. Discussion of many resolutions dealing with problems of vital importance to Alberta farmers.

5. Special to those unable to attend: A radio address by Mr. Hannam at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, December 12th, over CFCN. Mr. Hannam's address will be carried over the A.L.C. Show on Friday, November 13th.

Marler Attending C.F.A. Executive Meeting.—Roy Marler, Dairy Director of the A.F.A., is in the East attending the Executive meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. He has also been attending the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Mr. Marler is substituting for Lew Hutchinson, who has been attending the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool at Calgary. It is most fortunate that Mr. Marler is free to attend this meeting, as dairy problems are the main item on the agenda.

Wheat Deliveries.—George McIvor, Chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, told the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates that this Board "had never been disappointed in farm deliveries of wheat". This is in direct contrast to the statement made by George S. Mathieson, President of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, in a recent address to the Empire Club, Toronto, in which he inferred that Western farmers were not delivering their wheat, that they were not interested in filling the contract with Great Britain, and as a result sixty vessels were tied up in the St. Lawrence awaiting grain deliveries.

A. F. Sproule, Vice-President of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, told the meeting that the future grain marketing system of Western Canada was the responsibility of the western farmer. If we wish to listen to stories designed to wreck the Canadian Grain Board, we may do so, but if we want a central selling agency that will be in a position to give us long time stable prices, rather than the weird fluctuations of the open market, then we must fight for the continuation of the Canadian Wheat Board and give it our support.

Combined Business of U.F.A. Co-operatives Close to \$3,500,000

Combined business of U.F.A. Co-operatives totalled close to \$3,500,000 in the financial year which ended on October 31st. Business of the 15 stores was approximately \$1,600,000.

These figures were presented at the annual two-day conference of U.F.A. Co-operatives held in Calgary late in November, when the U.F.A. Central Co-operative and its affiliates reported on the year's operations. George MacLachlan of Clyde and J. A. Cameron of Youngstown were chairmen, and D. H. Smith conference secretary.

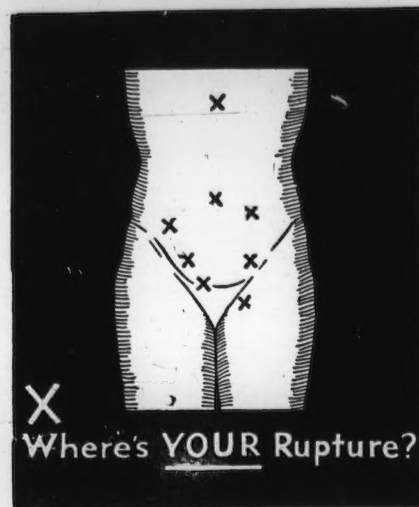
Ralph McKenzie, Manager of Maple Leaf Petroleum, Ltd., which supplies the Co-operatives, gave a survey of petroleum marketing activities. Volume of fuel distributed for the year totalled 8,000,000 gallons.

Bulk farm supplies were discussed with the assistance of A. T. Kloefer of United Grain Growers. Speakers included J. E. Brownlee, K.C., solicitor of the association, who discussed taxation of co-operatives, and F. J.

Fitzpatrick, supervisor of co-operatives for Alberta; while D. C. Thornton, educational director, showed a colored film. D. H. Smith of Cereal and Charles Fawcett of Consort were elected to represent the affiliated co-operatives on the Central Board. Delegates representing the following were present: Acadia, Coronation, and Pembina affiliated U.F.A. Co-ops, Granum District U.F.A. Co-op, U.F.A. Central; and branch stores at Medicine Hat, Oyen, Chinook, Youngstown, Morrin, Coronation, Three Hills, Camrose.

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Meetings Well Attended

Very large average attendance at meetings of the Educational Department of the U.F.A. Co-operative held in November is reported. Sound films were shown by D. C. Thornton, director of the department, who also spoke on proposed amalgamation of the U.F.A. and A.F.U., and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. Among points visited were Onoway, Sanguito, Rochfort Bridge, Mayerthorpe, Tomahawk, Warburg, Telfordville, Breton. A dance at Breton provided funds to send delegates to the U.F.A. Convention, and a successful dance was also held at Tomahawk.

COUSIN OF PENICILLIN

U.K. drug manufacturers have gone into large-scale production of the new drug streptomycin, "cousin" of penicillin, which is claimed to be deadly to diseases unaffected by penicillin, including tuberculosis, typhoid fever and whooping cough.

In anticipation of the increase in numbers of tramps and hoboes which usually follows a war, British authorities are setting up reception centres in many cities, where shelter and food will be offered, assistance will be given in securing employment or, where necessary, hospital or institutional care.